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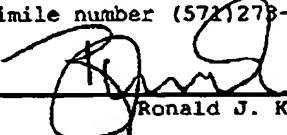
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated
December 21, 2005. A petition for a two-month extension of the
period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently
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Reconsideration and removal of the rejections of the claims
are requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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